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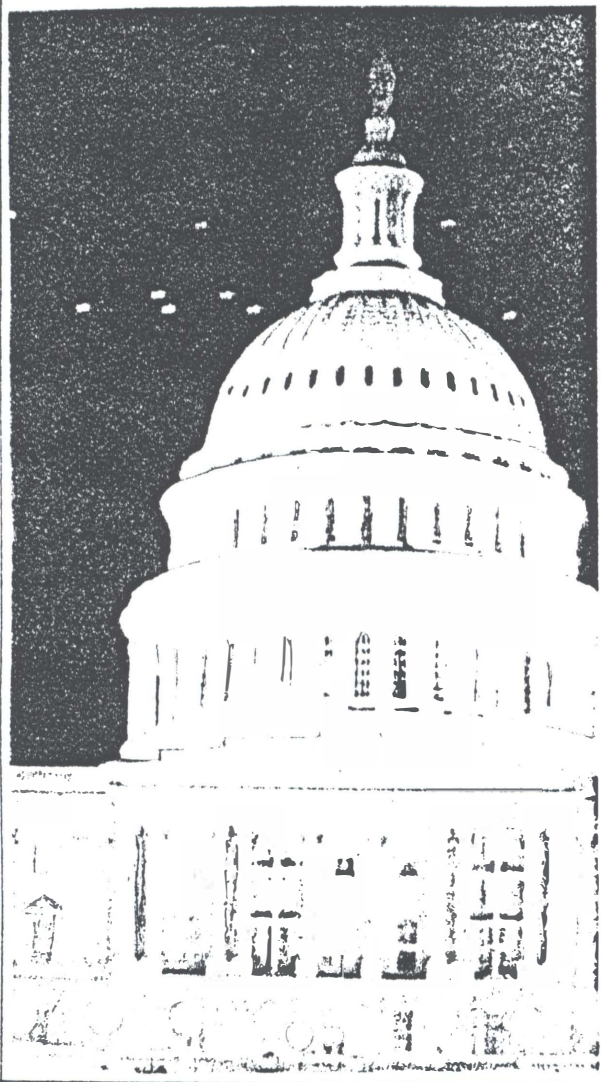


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Question: What is STRANGE DAYS ?

Answer: It is a small magazine/newsletter written by, and for, those interested in UFOs, primarily in the North East.

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A. The original intention of Strange Days was to provide a means of communication between the members of NUFORI and to provide a place where members could get their thoughts, theories and ideas printed.

However, Strange Days is open to anyone who wishes to write in with their thoughts, comments or complaints regarding the subject of UFOs or related "Fortean" phenomena.

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A. About once every four months, depending upon how many people contribute and whether or not we need to pass on information to all of the members.

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EDITORIAL.

Welcome to Strange Days Number 3. This issue seems to have turned into a "review special". There have been some interesting new books and magazines produced over the last few months, so if you were wondering whether to buy any of them, check out our review section first. We also include a review of the lecture given by Charles Halt in Leeds at the end of July, for those people interested in the mysterious Rendlesham Forest case back in 1980.

This has been a busy year for UFO and abduction stories, in part due to the "I was raped by aliens" story that appeared in the People newspaper back in February. It has thrown up some very unusual tales, so perhaps the story did some good after all. For an in depth look at that article in the People, see Ken Stephenson's incisive review later in this issue.

Thanks must go to Gloria, Graig, Ken (for his article and his helpful advice and criticism), Roy Andersen and everyone else who contributed to this issue. Thanks also to George (I like the joke), Paul Cabby and Phil Waterhouse for the material they have obtained from computer bulletin boards.

Please keep your eyes open, and send in any news, snippets, comments or articles. This is your newsletter, so make the most of it! I hope everyone had a good summer, and I look forwards to seeing some of you at the Christmas festivities. Keep in touch.

Dave Newton, Editor.



NEXT MEETING.

A Provisional date has been set for the next NUFORI meeting - the last Saturday in January (**Saturday 28th January**). Can you **please** contact Gloria Dixon (at the investigations address) if you intend to come to the meeting.

Since nothing really constructive happens at these meetings - everyone just drinks coffee and comments on how strange it all is (UFOs that is, and not the coffee) - the large meetings will happen much less frequently from now on. However, Strange Days will keep you informed of what the active investigators are up to, hopefully on a **more** regular basis.

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If you wish to receive this newsletter in the future, please send some money to the editor (D.A. Newton) to cover the cost of copying and postage. Please send £1.00 for each future issue you want. If it turns out that each issue costs less than £1, as it should, you will be refunded the difference. Remember: No money, no newsletter.

The Christmas Party.

Is anyone interested in coming to a NUFORI Christmas party, date and venue to be decided? If you are, then **please** get in touch with Craig Jackson on 091-274 091-274 6512 by mid-October, so that a date can be set and arrangements made.

LOCAL CASES

The last few months have seen some interesting cases come to light, including the fascinating story of "Steve Robbins", which covers a UFO sighting, an abduction type series of experiences, electrical interference and a whole host of other phenomena. This case is covered in detail later in this issue, and could be a very important case, moreso even than that of Mik Burley - another North East case recently published in Phil Mantle's book "Without Consent".

The Evening Chronicle recently reported the UFO sighting of Peter Nelson, who lives in Bellingham. The UFO was spotted by several other people apparently, and Mr Nelson managed to take five photographs of the object. Only one of the negatives has produced a good print so far, but the negatives have yet to be examined and they may yield more information.

The last few months have seen the launch of two new "big" UFOlogical magazines, with very different approaches to the subject. Quest International have spruced up their E.T. oriented journal "UFO Magazine" and it can now be bought in most newsagents; also launched recently is "The New Ufologist", which is a serious journal of British UFOlogy and belongs to no organization. Both of these magazines are reviewed later in this issue.

There are some interesting new television programmes related to UFOs which will be hitting our screens shortly. Monday nights have just seen the start of the cult American series "The X-Files". The BBC are preparing a new series of "Strange but True" programmes, and Channel 4 are producing an animated version of some of Budd Hopkins' abduction stories!

And word has it that "Network First" will be doing a programme on "the UFO cover up". Cover up? What cover ~~up?~~

BOOKS. I am trying to collect a list of books that would be available for people to borrow for research. A vast collection of titles are held by the various members of NUFORI, and I would like to compile a central list so that everyone knows exactly what is available. If you would like to add your titles to the list, or if you would like a list of what is currently available, write to me at the Editorial address. - Dave Newton.

FROM THE MODEM!

The quickest way to pass information on to a large number of people these days is via the worldwide network of computers. There are a vast number of bulletin boards covering every possible subject, and the information is available to anyone with the right equipment. Naturally there are some articles relating to UFOs, and if we can get hold of them here at Strange Towers we will make them available to anyone who wishes to see them.

Articles currently available:

Martin S. Kottmeyer: "The Cultural Background of UFO Abduction Reports";

Milton Cooper: Lecture on crashed saucers, government cover up, etc.

Vince Johnson: "The Anomalous Events of STS-48" on the strange objects spotted by the astronauts on the Space Shuttle Discovery in 1991.

Here is an article I particularly like by Art Sobel entitled "Your Co-Worker Could Be A Space Alien":

"Many Americans work side by side with Space Aliens who look human -- but you can spot these visitors from another planet by looking for certain tipoffs, say experts.

They listed 12 signs to look out for:

1. Odd or mismatched clothes, "Often space aliens don't fully understand style so they wear combinations that are in bad taste, such as a Next T-shirt with a Tux and sneakers", says noted UFO expert Brad Kitzel.
2. Strange diet or unusual eating habits. Space aliens may eat large quantities of chips which they cannot distinguish between silicon or tortilla chips, some coloured blue, with green pungent sauces. Many aliens will not eat with humans so they can be seen eating in their cars, which may be disguised space ships with alien atmospheres. Aliens may eat unusual combinations such as peanut butter,

which has an oil used in making PC boards, with pop corn or tomatoes.

3. Bizarre sense of humour. Space aliens who don't understand Earthly humour may laugh during serious company HR presentations or tell jokes that nobody understands. They may read the "Far Side" during work hours, or over analyse rap music.

4. Take frequent sick days. "Space aliens may get sick in the Earth's atmosphere more often than natives. They may also need to rejuvenate their energy sources", says Dr Richard W. Erlich, the noted author of "16 ways to do the servo".

5. Keep voluminous written notes or use tape recorded or video diary. "Aliens are constantly gathering information" says exobiologist Dr Karen Davidson, noted author of "Alien Noises recorded in Secret".

6. Misuse everyday items. Frequently space aliens are seen using paper clips to construct various unknown devices. Space aliens may eat paper to gain secret knowledge, or scotch tape their eyes shut.

7. Constant questioning of co-workers. "Space aliens, who are trying to learn about earth culture, may ask stupid questions", Erlich said.

8. Secretive about personal lifestyle or home life. "An alien won't discuss domestic details or talk about what it does at the weekends", says Shaw.

9. Frequently talks to himself, or whistles unknown melodies off-key. Aliens carry around secret radio transmitters and can talk or whistle in special code languages. They may be relaying messages to mother ships orbiting the Earth.

10. Display a change in mood or physical reaction to high tech hardware. "An alien might experience a change in mood or be affected by a microwave communication or by an ARM based Newton message pad" says Davidson.

11. Is particular about colours and can perceive colour differences that are invisible to normal humans. "Aliens have a different set of visual pigments and chemo-receptors" says Davidson.

12. Space aliens may need to go "swimming" at noon every day to refresh themselves if they come from a water based planet.

Experts say that a co-worker would have to display many if not most of these signs to be positively identified as Space People. Please report to the alt.aliens new group immediately if you see one."



HOAX ? ED WALTERS & THE GULF BREEZE SIGHTINGS.

The latest issue of Quest International's New UFO Magazine features a double page Gulf Breeze UFO photo special. The text that goes with the photographs is rather scanty, saying that the "... photographs taken by respected US businessman Ed Walters in the late

1980s and early '90s have astounded even the most ardent of sceptics." The main picture shows "the UFO which has been seen by hundreds of witnesses in the area."¹ Many would argue that these comments are not entirely accurate and the text makes no mention of the

controversy that has surrounded the Gulf Breeze case ever since it started in November 1987.

At first the case appeared to have everything: multiple sightings of UFOs by credible witnesses, UFOs captured on film repeatedly by "Mr Ed" (later revealed as Ed Walters), blue beams from the sky freezing witnesses and a possible abduction of Mr Ed and an implant placed in his brain. Many American UFOlogists fell over themselves to authenticate the case and support Ed Walters. Among them were Budd Hopkins (who believed that Walters had been abducted), Bruce Maccabee (the optical physicist who authenticated the pictures), Walt Andrus (MUFON international director), Lt. Col. Donald M. Ware (a MUFON regional director) and the MUFON investigating team, and Jerome Clark, the Editor of the International UFO Reporter.

Not everyone was so convinced however, and by the Autumn of 1990 a bitter row had developed between the pro and anti- Ed camps. Why was only Mr Ed allowed to photograph the objects? Why, as John Spencer asked, did the case seem "to be more in the nature of a haunting?"² 1990 saw the publication of a book by Ed Walters and his wife Frances that sold very well.³ Bruce Maccabee admitted that he was paid "10% of Ed's book advance, less than \$20,000" to write a chapter of the book.⁴ Dr Willy Smith was a strong critic of the case, pointing out the flaws in the photographs (one enhanced picture clearly showed a support under the UFO) and complained bitterly that Walt Andrus and Jerome

Clark would not permit anything critical to be published in the MUFON UFO Journal and the International UFO Reporter, the two leading US journals. In September 1990 Dr Smith circulated a paper detailing his side of the story, which makes shocking reading.⁵

Ed Walters was not the upstanding member of the community that he had been made out to be. It was uncovered that he had a criminal record, including a conviction for forgery.⁶ Evidence for a fraud soon began to mount up. A model UFO was found in the attic of Walters' old house, and the Pensacola News Journal managed to replicate some photographs with it.⁷ Walters, naturally, claimed that this was a plot designed to discredit him. Then, an eyewitness came forwards, who claimed to have seen Walters making several of the pictures.

Apparently, then, Quest International are one of the few UFO groups who still believe the Gulf Breeze case to be genuine. Many leading researchers have condemned the case as a hoax. In a 1991 book, Jacques Vallee gives an excellent overview of this case in a section entitled "The Gulf Breeze Fiasco."⁸ The Gulf Breeze pictures need to be treated with the utmost suspicion - for most of the evidence now points to them being man made.

by D.N.

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NORTH EAST CASE REPORT:- "STEVE ROBBINS". By Gloria Dixon.

This case was forwarded to me by Philip Mantle in March 1994. The letter was written to BUFORA by Steve Robbins, in response to the article in 'The People' documenting several alien encounters. In his letter Steve Robbins reported a series of strange incidents that he had experienced dating from June 1981.

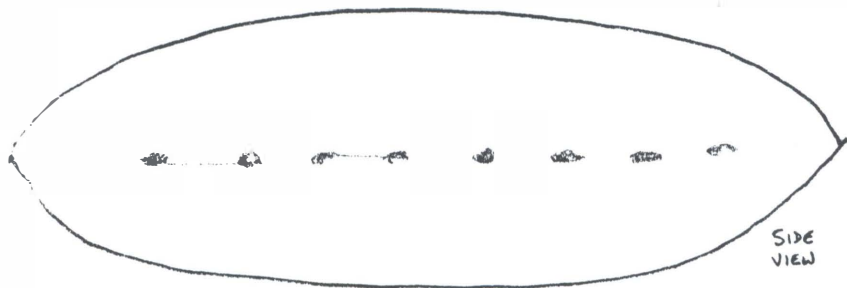
These events appear to have been triggered by Steve's sighting of a huge cigar shaped object, which he observed at a petroleum plant, on or about 12th June 1981. He was on nightshift as a shift production operator and returning to the control room, when he observed this object. He felt that it was going to crash, as it appeared to be on a downward trajectory. Steve describes the events as follows:

'I was working as a plant operator at the time, and I'm almost certain of the date, maybe not of the day, but it was certainly June, and I'm certain it was 1981. I was on nightshift.... it was a particularly clear night, and I'd cycled down, at around ten minutes to twelve (midnight). I dismounted my bike just outside of the control room, and I remember parking my bike beside the wall, and then looking up into the sky, and that was when I saw this flying object. At first I saw it from an angle of say one hundred yards, and I would estimate it to be just over one hundred foot high, which was quite low. The two towers, it was flying between, I remember thinking it was quite low and Christ it's going to hit something.

I stood and watched it... this thing was enormous. It wasn't travelling at any great speed. I stood and looked at it until eventually it was right overhead. The object was.... from where I was standing, it looked cigar shaped, it was a dull bluish steel colour and it had a luminescence, like a neon light. It shone, particularly around the perimeter of this object, it was pulsating a bright white light. I say that and it could have been a yellowy one, but it was certainly brighter than the craft itself. It flew directly over my head, and I remember how I must have looked... I had my mouth open. Certainly nothing human could have flown something as big as that. It didn't make any sound, but you must appreciate there was a lot of background noise at the plant. Seventy or eighty yards from where I was standing there were four enormous crude oil receiving spheres. By this time it was on a downward trajectory. Probably it was on a downward trajectory all the time I was watching. It was certainly lower than when I first saw it and it was so low, that I thought it was going to hit these crude oil receiving spheres. I wasn't really frightened, I was just amazed ...I mean this thing appeared from nowhere, and it looked as though it was going to hit the oil receiving spheres, and what went through my mind at the time was how am I going to save my skin! It didn't, it cleared them with what seemed like feet above, and disappeared behind these crude oil

receiving spheres, and then I jumped on my bike, and pedalled like mad round the roadway on the plant to try to get behind the receiving spheres and there was absolutely nothing there!'

This sighting was apparently also observed by an independent witness, who was a security guard at a tank farm, which stores the crude oil. The tank farm is situated approximately two miles away from the plant. He described the object as cigar shaped and in a similar way to Steve's description. Another witness had also reported an aircraft trying to land on the main road at the plant a few days prior to Steve's sighting. He assumed it to be a conventional aircraft.



The sighting was reported to Teeside Airport, who said they had not had any flights within the last hour, and nothing else was amiss, but asked the supervisor to report it to Fylingdale Early Warning Station, where Steve spoke with them and they asked him questions pertaining to a UFO report form

According to Steve, about a week after this, strange things began to happen to his electrical appliances in his home, starting with his television (approximately three years old) bursting into flames whilst he and his wife were watching it. During a three day period, and always when Steve was there, many other electrical appliances failed. A Hoover, toaster, hairdryer, iron and mains alarm clock all failed and even a battery powered portable radio and electric drill failed. Steve is emphatic that the batteries were in perfect working order. Steve called the electricity board who came in and installed a mains voltage recorder. They reported there was nothing wrong. Neighbours, in the street, had not experienced any electrical problems at all during this period.

Apparently there were also other electrical problems, when Steve was at work, affecting the Panel and computer terminals. These malfunctions, again, used to happen when Steve was there, and it became a joke with his work colleagues, that when Steve was there, the electricians would 'go out of zinc'. Steve went to work offshore in 1983 and the problems with electrical equipment continued to occur sporadically until around 1984, when it appeared to subside.

One or two weeks after this Steve began to experience some strange events in his bedroom. He describes these experiences in the following way:

'I was lying in bed asleep when I was awakened by a high pitched humming in my ears-brain? My first realisation was that I was flat on my back, and that I was paralysed - rigid - and couldn't move a muscle. This was not a dream. I was awake

and could move my eyes. I was aware of the room about me and the darkness. I tried to move, but couldn't. When my eyes adjusted to the darkness, I realised that there was somebody in the room - three or four figures dressed in black - barely discernible in the darkness apart from dull cloak like - habits. I wanted to scream but couldn't. I remember a slight gurgling from my throat, that is when they communicated with me - not in voices, but as I remember, a thought transference. I was told that they would not harm me or my wife, who was in bed next to me, and family, two sons. I tried to awaken myself, still believing that this was a dream, but it was not. Still terrified, I tried with all my will to move a muscle, but couldn't. I could feel sweat trickling down my forehead into my eyes and hoped to God she (his wife) wouldn't awaken. They communicated, not to worry, and that she would not know anything about this, and I remember thinking 'what the hell do you want' - 'just you, for a little while' was the reply.'

Steve went on to have approximately twelve visitations over the next two years, and then they appeared to stop.

Steve says that these experiences changed his life and his personality. He has experienced several precognitive dreams, which he describes as totally different from other dreams, disturbingly powerful and compelling. I would like to quote from a letter Steve wrote to me explaining these precognitive dreams:-

'Yes, they manifest as dreams, but not like any dream that can be simply described as such. These are very distinct and always follow the same pattern. They have a "real" quality that is so powerful, it is quite impossible to ignore them - significant points resurface at any time throughout the day, for months - years afterwards, so it is quite impossible to ignore them. They just will not go away, that is until the reality of the dream has become actual reality. Then, and only then will they disappear.'

Among these precognitive dreams are the Chernobyl and Lockerbie disasters. These upset him considerably when he described them, and I have no doubt whatsoever, that they were genuine emotions that he was expressing.

He has also become far more concerned with the environment and the planet and feels deeply about the destruction that is taking place in the form of wars, and the pollution that man is responsible for, in that it is having some far reaching consequences for our planet.

Another change in Steve, since these experiences occurred, are his feeling of knowing intimate things about people upon first meetings with them. He finds this disturbing at times, and tries to block them out. He has written a letter to me describing these changes in his life, which gives a great insight as to how Steve now feels after these events in his life.

It appears that Steve was receptive to other unusual phenomena from being very young, ranging from out of body experiences when he was a boy to being aware of other beings communicating with him. As so many researchers are aware, these paranormal events from childhood are often recorded during the investigation of a UFO encounter.

In his initial letter to BUFORA, Steve also writes about other sightings at about the same time reported in the Hartlepool Mail. Apparently other people had observed strange craft appearing and disappearing into the Teesmouth. One report in particular involved witnesses from the A-19 Service Station on the A-19. I have received a copy of this particular article and the object described here is different from the one Steve observed, at least in shape. Also this was observed the previous year in July 1980.

With regard to the malfunction of most of Steve's electrical appliances, I have spoken with two engineers at the test and research department of the electricity board. They both informed me that the chances are remote that a power surge was responsible for the malfunction of all electrical equipment especially as no-one else in the neighbourhood had any problems. The only way there could be a power surge that only affected one home would be because of an oddball characteristic of where the house was located e.g in a cul de sac, where this home might be on a different grid system to the surrounding area. Even so, if this was the case, these malfunctions took place over a period of three days. In fact the second engineer, Rob Burnett emphasized that the chances of this happening was zero per cent.

The precognitive dreams and the feeling of knowing things about people have been emotionally traumatic for Steve, and appear to have emerged after his experiences. It was apparent when speaking with Steve how much these events have changed him and altered the way he views life. He has not reached any definitive conclusion as to what had happened to him and why.

In my opinion I feel that Steve has described some strange and compelling events that he had experienced during 1981/2. It is probably impossible to assess whether these events were definitely interlinked somehow, but it is certainly puzzling and seems more than a coincidence that after his sighting at the petroleum plant, he underwent such bewildering and traumatic experiences.

UFO CODE WORDS - By Craig Carl Jackson.

In UFO literature the use of code words with reference to the phenomenon has become lore - "Area 51", "S-4", "MJ-12", all have a familiar ring - but are they genuine?

Having trawled my way through numerous books and journals on the US military I have discovered what I think to be the truth.

AREA 51. Yes! It really does exist. Military maps of the Nevada desert show this region to be of high security

and belonging to the nearby Nellis Air Force Base (near Las Vegas). A test area for the latest in military hardware, Area 51 (which is adjacent on the map to Groom Lake, a dry salt lake) has been the subject of UFO speculation since the late 1980s.

So far, so good, but what about flying saucers? U.A.V.s (Unmanned Air Vehicles) and R.P.V.s (Remotely Piloted Vehicles) are regularly tested there, which very much resemble the classic flying saucer shape. Man made, or Extra-terrestrial? The choice is yours.

S-4. S-4 allegedly lies about 15 miles from Area 51, situated in Emigrant Valley near Papoose Lake (another dried up salt lake). This is supposed to be an underground facility, but I have found no evidence for this. Presumed to be the home of Project Gallieo [Galileo? -Ed], this is a code name that I cannot find anywhere. Could this be Above Top Secret, or an exercise in disinformation? My research goes on.

MJ-12. A classic document in UFO circles, the supposed ultimate evidence of a government cover up of a crashed flying saucer and alien bodies.

However, it is 99% certain that it is bogus. A recent investigation which even went to a Washington D.C. information office on classification codes found that the code numbers on the documents could not exist in the filing system at that time in the late 1940s ("Special Classified Executive Order - 092447 [One researcher stated that this was a date, rather than a code number - ED.]) Also, the type face and letter head seemed to contradict the actual year it was supposed to have been issued.

The evidence piled up, proving in my opinion another dramatic case of disinformation.

There are many other code names which I have discovered to be genuine in some respect. Here are some that you may have come across in the literature:

Project Moondust. The name given to crash retrievals of UFOs. Well, yes and no. It does stand for crash retrievals, but of man made space objects, not alien.

Project Snowbird. Supposed test flight of captured alien craft, now known to be a man made flying platform.

"Dreamland". Area 51 and surrounding land. This is a genuine testing area for US military aircraft.

"Have Blue". Alleged alien technology is in reality Stealth technology used on the Lockheed F-117A stealth fighter.

Grey Ghost, Spectre, Harvey. All are code words for the F-117A stealth fighter. "Harvey" is a reference to the invisible rabbit in a film that starred Jimmy Stewart.

Aurora. The name given to strategic reconnaissance aircraft which may be called "The Penetrator", the SR-75.

The Cypher Project. A man made flying saucer (R.P.V.) made by the Sikorsky aircraft company, a US military project.

I am currently researching projects Sigma and Red Light. If you have any information on these, please let me know.

THE HALT LECTURE: A PERSONAL REVIEW By Craig Carl Jackson.

The RAF Bentwaters/Woodbridge case is a classic in UFOlogy, so when the opportunity to attend a lecture by the prime witness (Charles Halt) came along I jumped at the chance.

The event was organized by Quest International and was held at Century House in Leeds on the 31st July 1994. The Editor of "UFO Magazine", Graham Birdsall,

opened up the proceedings with a welter of information including news of some new T.V. programmes (among them a new series of "Strange But True" and a "Network First Special", to be shown in October) on our favourite subject.

Then Graham introduced the man himself, Colonel Charles Halt. Dressed formally in collar and tie and with a deep sun tan, he looked every inch the ex-military man. He gave a brief history of his life in the forces, then described his job and the kind of air base Bentwaters was. He then moved on to that crucial UFO incident which has made his name famous throughout the world in UFO circles.

His voice was commanding and crystal clear as I concentrated on the incredible facts which Halt recalled from that cold December night in 1980. He gave a good description of the craft, which he described as oval and red with a black centre. He said it appeared to be moving through the trees about 10 to 15 feet off the ground. He stated that it was dripping what looked like molten steel. It then shot upwards and split into five white objects which flew off in different directions.

I could not doubt the sincerity of Halt, he seemed genuinely mystified by what this object was and its strange behaviour. At one point he produced a plaster cast of one of the landing pads, which still had some pine needles in it from the landing site. He also read out a letter from the eminent UFOlogist Jacques Vallee, apologising for the explanation in his recent book "Revelations" that the Bentwaters case was a prime example of psychological testing [by the military]. Halt had written to him in the strongest terms stating that this was just not true. Halt also denounced the claims of Larry Warren regarding the alien beings at the landing site. He insisted they were totally untrue and had no basis in fact. Halt claimed a man who accompanied him on that dramatic night suffered a nervous breakdown which eventually lead to divorce. He stated the man is now obsessed with UFOs and is constantly trying to find an answer to the events of late December 1980.

A brief question and answer session followed. I asked Halt if he was aware of an earlier UFO case at Bentwaters in 1956. He said that he was, and that he found it quite interesting that the 1980 incident was not the only one in this area.

As Col. Halt could only stay for half the day, it was left to Tony Dodd (the Head of Investigations at Quest International) to fill in for the rest of the afternoon. He gave an interesting update on current investigations. This included the Iceland incidents with the U.S. and Russian navies chasing USOs (Unidentified Submarine Objects); British cattle mutilations, of which Tony mentioned there had been an all night vigil at an unnamed farmers field [Why? Had they been given a "tip-off"? - Ed.] where the outline of an unusual object was recorded on videotape prior to a cattle mutilation; and an abduction report of two women, one of whom had disappeared in mysterious circumstances. He also revealed startling news of an incredible artefact which had been found at an

archaeological dig, which when exposed to artificial light produced moving holograms of Earth's history, including an image of the now familiar "grey"!

I found the whole day extremely stimulating, and thanks must go to the staff of Quest International for arranging this unique and very special event.



"I WAS RAPED BY ALIENS!" - THE PEOPLE, 20th February 1994.

A Review by Ken Stephenson.

In many ways I agree with the Editor, Dave Newton, in that the sensible way to review **The People's** article on abductions (20/2/94) would be to leave the page blank. However, to do so would be to ignore the real issue raised by the article's publication: that of popular press treatment of UFOlogy. Besides, blank pages make dull reading. So....

Excellent, all in all.

As a piece of commercial, tabloid journalism the special investigation by THE PEOPLE newspaper into UFO phenomena lacked little.

The front page headline: "I WAS RAPED BY ALIENS" was certain to help sell a few extra copies; the centre page placing gave a certain credibility; the "Read it and judge for yourself" rider beneath an objective introduction put distance between the paper's position and that of the subject. Inside, the layout, backed by solid sub-editing, created interest whilst the content remained light and undemanding as befits a Sunday read.

Yes. The people on this paper know what they are doing.

HOWEVER, as a piece of investigative journalism, I felt it most notably lacked evidence.

The main story reported the experiences of Maria Ward. She claimed to have been abducted from her bed and raped by aliens. She also claimed to have received medical treatment for injuries sustained during the abduction, and supported her claim with an official medical report. I can't dispute her claims, or those of the other cases highlighted. However, I had been expecting THE PEOPLE to do so on my behalf.

But not a word from medical staff. No comment from the doctor confirming the injuries, or giving opinion on their likely effect. Not even, "A hospital spokesman declined to comment". Nothing, either, to say the pictured "official report" was that, and not just a piece of lined foolscap that had been through a cheap, portable typewriter.

Omissions in another story - that of Ros Reynolds - increased my doubts about the investigation's validity. Ros claims that half of her reproductive system has been removed by aliens. Presumably this fact was revealed during a medical examination but again neither confirmation or denial.

Why no comment? And, more importantly, why was this story not lead item on every front page and every T.V. and radio bulletin in the world? The news

value of such a story - if true - is immeasurable. What puzzles me most is that the journalists involved in bringing the story to the reader are trained in their work. They know the importance of checking the story - and even if they'd discovered nothing, it's usual practice to tell the reader with a "No one was available for comment". (In which case there is always the pet Expert's speculative quotes to fall back on.)

This leads me to suspect that what they did find out would have, if printed, killed their story.

And so they say nowt, and leave the reader to fill the gaps having first pointed the way with a peppering of journalistic devices designed to tell the reader that, "Well, we don't take it seriously either. But it's good for a laugh".

But what if one of the people featured was telling the truth?

"It's popular tabloid journalism, Jim - just as we know it".

REVIEWS: 'WITHOUT CONSENT'

CARL NAGAITIS & PHILIP MANTLE - RINGPULL PRESS

Finally we have a book exclusively devoted to the abduction and missing time phenomena as it is occurring in Britain. The twenty five cases documented in this book are impressive accounts of some highly unusual and inexplicable events being experienced by rational and credible people from many different areas in Britain going about their daily routine. These case histories take place over a period of forty five years or more, one in Northumberland dating from 1942, several years before the term 'flying saucer' was coined and long before modern day UFO literature.

Philip Mantle and Carl Nagaitis explain the meaning of the abduction phenomenon as it relates to UFOs and give a detailed examination of the scenario involved, with their possible links to ancient mythology and folklore. Various cases are aligned with differing, and in some cases alarming theories in order to offer some form of an explanation to these bizarre and sometimes chilling events. The Aveley and Ilkley Moor cases, together with several others, are presented in detail with verbatim transcript taken from the hypnosis sessions that the witnesses underwent during investigation of their encounters. These give the reader great insight as to the feelings and subsequent major changes to the lifestyle and beliefs of the people, who experienced these events. In a few cases there has also been physical injury to the witnesses and physical traces to the ground after these encounters. .

Photographs of UFOs, still unexplained, are presented in the book together with the 'entity' photograph taken on Ilkley Moor.

WITHOUT CONSENT is a powerful book which will arouse a strong interest not only in those studying this most baffling of mysteries, but it will also capture the attention of ordinary people with a desire to learn more about this compelling and most elusive phenomenon. The cases presented in this book

represent only a small percentage of these incidents. Others are reported to RUFORA and other UFO organisations in confidence, sadly, often many years after the events have occurred. The rest go unreported. I hope that this important book will encourage those people, who have undergone experiences of this nature, to report them to UFO organisations. Investigators will then be able to give them much needed support, and their reports will also allow further vital research into this most complex of puzzles - the abduction phenomenon.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

Gloria Dixon

OTHER REVIEWS :

"ALLERGIES & ALIENS - The Visitation Experience: An Environmental Health Issue"

by Albert Budden.

This small book (73 pages) is a synopsis of fourteen months research by Albert Budden into the "visitation experience". This is a brave attempt at trying to give the close encounter experience a scientific explanation. Budden's theory is that the alien encounter experience is a mental, internal phenomenon caused by the human body reacting to a specific form of pollution - electromagnetic radiation (such as radio waves and microwaves) produced by power cables, radio and television transmitters, microwave relay stations and the many electronic devices that exist around us in the modern age. While most people are unaffected, a small number of people are acutely sensitive to these radiations. Budden has found that a large percentage of the people he has investigated experienced a major electrical event (e.g. being close to a lightning strike or being electrocuted) in their formative years. In later years these people may become electrically hypersensitive and develop multiple allergies to substances such as cigarette smoke, alcohol, domestic gas and coffee. If these people live in an electromagnetic "hot spot", close to a radio transmitter or underneath power cables, the stress on the body may become too much and the subconscious mind becomes involved, urging the person to give up their destructive way of life and take up a toxin/allergen free alternative lifestyle. The subconscious mind may choose to do this in a range of different ways, possibly as the appearance of benevolent angels or as alien figures - the close encounter event. In essence then, the close encounter is a self defence mechanism, designed to prevent the body from collapsing under environmental stress.

Like most good theories, this one is persuasive because of its simplicity. However, there are several points that I would take issue with. Close encounters with alien (religious or extraterrestrial) figures have been reported for many, many years before electricity had even been discovered. Budden counters this by saying that "...a specific form of environmental pollution...has existed throughout man's evolution in the form of earth energies at locations on or near geological fault lines. These places of power were revered as spiritual centres

as they could transform man's consciousness and seemingly put him in touch with entities from non-corporeal realms." (page 1, "Allergies and Aliens")

Budden also says that some electrically hypersensitive people can "read" the information stored in the water in bricks and cement of buildings, and that some ghosts and apparitions may be recordings of electromagnetic emissions produced by other people and stored in the building. This is possible, a popular and workable theory of ghosts is that they are some type of recording of a traumatic event, and we do know that the human body can be incredibly sensitive to certain types of stimuli. Budden notes that all psychics are electrically hypersensitive to some extent. Part of being psychic may be the ability to pick up and decode these extremely weak electromagnetic signals.

However, would these signals be strong enough for even non-electrically hypersensitive people to pick up and see? Many people have seen ghosts, and I have no doubt that many of them have never exhibited electrically hypersensitive symptoms. We cannot even be certain that ghosts are electromagnetic recordings.

As for "earth energies", it is questionable whether they, too, are electrical in origin. Stress in the earth's crust no doubt produces some piezoelectrical effects, and earthquake lights are a rare but verifiable phenomenon, but these earth energies seem to go beyond simple electromagnetism. In his book "Places of Power", Paul Devereux examines the energies that exist at many ancient British sites.¹ One would expect the energies present at these locations to be very different from the man made radio waves that surround us, so would they produce similar physical and psychological effects? I would not have thought so. We know from the work of Professor Michael Persinger and others that the temporal lobe area of the brain is sensitive to electromagnetism, and that certain frequencies can have severe mental and physical effects - including death. (For many years the U.S.S.R. operated one of the world's most powerful radio transmitters, broadcasting a short wave radio signal across Europe. Known as the "Woodpecker", the powerful signal could easily be picked up on a short wave radio, but not in the Soviet Union. In the event of war, a flick of the dial could possibly have incapacitated much of Western Europe. No doubt the NATO or American military had something similar pointing at the Soviets.²) The point is this: only certain narrow bands of electromagnetic radiation are usually capable of affecting the body; the vast majority just pass straight through. In Budden's theory however, he postulates that the same results may be obtained from overexposure to a huge range of signals - radio and television signals, microwaves, radar, overhead aeroplanes, the fields produced by overhead power cables and electricity substations (transformers), satellite remote sensing systems, railway lines, and fault lines in the Earth's crust. What is different about the physiology of these people that enables them to pick up these signals? Is there some difference in the hippocampal-amygdaloid area of their brains?

The test of a good scientific theory is its degree of falsifiability. Does it predict things that we can test?³ To try to falsify Budden's theory, we need to find people who have had these alien encounters, but who are not electrically hypersensitive, and who do not live in a geological or man made "hot spot". Here we may have a problem. How many people do not live near (say, within one mile) of one of the sources of electromagnetic pollution that crop up on Mr Budden's list? Unfortunately, his list covers a huge number of sources. I would guess that if you went looking for an electromagnetic culprit, you would almost certainly find one. (Even the Sun produces powerful radio waves, and sunspot activity disrupts radio communications. Perhaps some of these experiences are linked to the eleven year solar cycle?) Perhaps the the best approach would be to analyse the problem geographically, by collecting as many reports as possible and plotting them on a map showing major electrical and broadcasting installations. Two problems immediately crop up with this approach: Firstly, most of the reports will be in high population density areas, where most of the installations will be; Secondly, these encounter events are not exactly common. Collecting enough reports for a meaningful study might be problematical.

I am quite prepared to accept that some people might act as radio receivers, and that a constant bombardment of electromagnetic pollution might result in multiple allergies and these alien contact experiences. But quite often other phenomena surround the contactees, such as objects mysteriously moving around and electrical devices switching themselves on and off.

On page 14 of "Allergies and Aliens", Budden claims that the high intensity of "electronic signals" (does he refer here to a magnetic field, an electric field or to electromagnetic radiation?) in one particular case "... are responsible for "poltergeists", and in this case induced the ghostly turning of the door handle. Alternatively, an electrical power surge by a field in the atmosphere can energise circuitry for short periods of time, and this too could account for the strange electrical effects...". And on page 45, he says that "...the effect of doors opening or closing in ghostly fashion can be induced by para-magnetic forces...".

I strongly disagree with Mr Budden on this point. Stray electric fields, magnetic fields or electromagnetic waves can erase magnetic tape and trigger microelectronic devices (such as computers or remote control televisions) to switch on/off and behave strangely. But could they physically move non-metallic objects around, switch mains operated lights and kettles on and off, turn door handles and open and close doors? No. The field strengths required to create these sorts of forces are much too large even for a hot spot. Impossible is not a word I like to use, but these events are not possible with the field strengths that we are dealing with here.

I notice that Mr Budden does not include lightning in his list of events that can trigger visitation experiences. I would have expected that a thunder-

storm, the most powerful electrical force in nature, would have sent these stressed out electrical hypersensitives immediately into altered states of consciousness.

I will mention here the case of Steve Robbins, which we investigated recently here in the North East (and is given in more detail elsewhere in this issue). Mr Robbins is a middle aged man, fit and healthy, who experienced a number of visitations a few years ago. He also experienced a period of approximately 3 days when a large number of household electrical devices malfunctioned, a number large enough to push it beyond the bounds of coincidence. These violent malfunctions occurred only when Mr Robbins was in the vicinity, not when other members of his family were alone in the house. These household malfunctions stopped as abruptly as they started; however, electrical devices at his workplace malfunctioned when he was present for a period of over three years. His house was investigated by the electricity board and no power surges or unusual fields were detected. No other houses in the row were affected. It seems that these electrical problems were caused by Mr Robbins himself - for a period of time he became an "electric person" - and not external electromagnetic pollution. The house was not, as far as I can ascertain, in a hot spot. Mr Robbins does not show any of the physical symptoms that would indicate electrical hypersensitivity, and the other members of his family were unaffected. He has experienced unusual and psychic events throughout his life, which is a common feature of the lives of contactees. Another common feature in the lives of people who have these experiences is a totally horrendous childhood. Happily, I can say that Mr Robbins is unusual in that he had a happy childhood.

Budden also includes these mysterious electrical abilities in his theory. He theorizes that the ability to "zap" electrical devices is due to a personal field emitted from the body as part of the allergic reaction. Here could be a promising field of research, investigating how the chemical changes in the body during allergic reactions could result in the production of electromagnetic fields. Unfortunately, poltergeist phenomena, like earth energies, seem to involve more than just simple electromagnetism. In his book "Poltergeist!"⁴, Colin Wilson explains that poltergeists may obtain their energy from people with an excess of a "psychical substance" (called "mana") which may have a strong electrical component. This is why adolescents (usually girls), with all of the physical and hormonal changes that take place at that age, are often at the centre of poltergeist outbreaks. I would guess that isolating "mana" in the laboratory would prove troublesome, so its true nature is likely to be unknown for some time to come, if indeed it exists at all. But I do feel that we need to invoke more than personal electrical fields to explain the full range of poltergeist activity.

At the moment, Budden's theory is trying too hard to explain too many things in one go. I would be far more convinced if he could work out, in detail, a mech-

-anism to explain just one aspect of the visitation experience. It could then possibly be extended to include other parts of the phenomenon. Despite my objections, though, this is an important book and it deserves to be read and studied by all with a serious interest in this phenomenon. I look forwards to reading the full length book on his research, "UFOs - The Electromagnetic Indictment", which will be published by Blandford next year.

Notes:

1. Paul Devereux, "Places of Power", Blandford 1990;
2. Alas, I no longer have a short wave radio receiver. I would be grateful if someone could tell me if the "woodpecker" signal is still being broadcast. For articles on these unusual types of weapons, see "Alien Encounters or Sophisticated Mind Control Experiments?" by Mary Seal, UFO Times No. 22, and "Psychic Warfare and Non-Lethality" by Armen Victorian, Nexus Vol 2 No. 16.
3. What constitutes a "good scientific theory" is not an easy question to answer. It turns out that ultimately a scientific theory can never be either proved or disproved. For an overview of how science operates, try reading "What is this thing called Science?" by A.F. Chalmers, published by the Open University Press.
4. Colin Wilson, "Poltergeist!", New English Library 1981.

OTHER REVIEWS: MAGAZINES.

The Excluded Middle, No 3. "An Esoteric Journal for the Masses".

This is one of those absorbing, weird magazines from the United States. The Excluded Middle is better produced than most though, with some excellent quality artwork on the cover and on page 3 - this is small circulation desktop publishing with style and flair. Topics covered in number 3 include near death experiences, Robert Kennedy and his saucer connections, George Hunt Williamson (the occultist and UFO researcher), Sun Ra (the jazz artist) and Robert Anton Wilson on false memories (an extended version of his witty Forum article in Fortean Times No 72). As an added bonus, it has a cut out and keep "Phil Klass is a Fink" car sticker on the back cover. The Excluded Middle costs US\$16 for a years subscription of four magazines. Write to The Excluded Middle, PO Box 1077, Los Angeles, CA 90048.

Steamshovel Press, No 10.

Another high quality small circulation magazine from the U.S., benefiting from a new glossy cover to increase its visual appeal. Steamshovel Press concentrates on the conspiracy angle, with articles on the CIA, FBI, the Bilderburgers, and so on. Every issue contains a saucer section, again concentrating on the conspiracy side of the subject, and these articles usually make interesting reading. Sometimes amusing, sometimes bizarre, always eye opening. Overseas subscriptions cost US\$26 for four issues. Write to PO Box 23715, St Louis, MO 63121.

A high quality alternative magazine, this is a combined Australian/U.S. effort with multinational contributions. Nexus covers weird happenings from around the world and features articles on many fringe subjects (e.g. ancient astronauts and alternative medicine) often with a conspiracy slant to them. This issue covers mystery rock carvings in Australia, a conspiracy history of the 20th Century by Jim Keith, the Mars mission "cover up" (arguing that the Mars Observer spacecraft has been "hijacked" to prevent it from beaming back pictures of the Face on Mars and other allegedly artificial features), the unproven link between HIV and AIDS, stimulating plant growth by using electricity and sound, healing with magnets, and, of course, Free Energy. A one year subscription costs US\$40 for six issues. Write to Nexus, PO Box 177, Kempton, IL 60946-0177, USA.

The above three magazines are (sometimes) available in the U.K. from "Counter Productions". Write to them at PO Box 556, London, SE5 ORL, for a free catalogue of all their books and magazines. They provide a quick and reliable service.

The New UFO Magazine.

"The Truth Is Out There..." says the front cover of UFO Magazine, the long running Quest International publication recently revamped and launched onto newsstands nationwide. The truth may indeed be out there, but whether it can also be found within the pages of UFO Magazine is debatable. This is bright, glossy and easy to read. It is also very E.T. oriented, as would be expected coming as it does from Quest International. The July/August issue (Vol 13 No 2) covers a range of introductory UFO matters, for those new to the subject, including a brief history of UFOs, abductions (and the "greys"), project Blue Book, and the Aurora spy plane.

The September/October issue covers a double abduction case in Birmingham, more on the Aurora spy plane, the second part of an interview with Bob Oechsler, the Kecksburg UFO crash retrieval case (identified by Armen Victorian as the Soviet satellite Cosmos 96 which returned to Earth), the X-Files TV series, and a look

at the McMinville and Gulf Breeze UFO photographs. While UFO Magazine is a colourful and entertaining read, some of the articles are far too shallow for my liking. For example, the Quest team are still touting the Gulf Breeze photos as genuine, without a mention of any of the controversy that has been going on for several years now. And a look at page 22 reveals none other than our very favourite hoaxed UFO photograph, the cut out saucer from Tim Good's "Above Top Secret"! [See Strange Days No 1]. Ultimately unfulfilling. UFO Magazine costs £1.75 and is available from all good newsagents, and a few mediocre ones too.

The New Ufologist, No 1.

This is a new quarterly journal, pretty much the exact opposite of of Quest's UFO Magazine. This is a serious journal, a kind of Ufological Scientific American, that is not affiliated to any particular UFO group. And it is definitely not based around the extraterrestrial hypothesis, although E.T. theories are not excluded; theoretically, its pages are open to anyone willing to write sensible, relevant and well researched articles. This first issue features articles by Paul Devereux, Albert Budden on ball lightning and cattle mutilations, Paul Fuller and Jenny Randles on Crop Circles, and a Jenny Randles investigation into a window area contact case. This is the sort of journal British UFOlogy really needs, and I very much hope it succeeds. Having already subscribed on the strength of this first issue, I will await future issues in the hope that it will attract the best of British, and then European, UFOlogy.

The New Ufologist costs £8.00 for four issues, write to 71 Knight Avenue, Canterbury, Kent, CT2 8PY.

Fortean Times, Numbers 75 and 76.

The June/July issue of the Journal of Strange Phenomena covered the usual mixed bag of weirdness, including the latest spate of penis severing and spontaneous human combustion. UFOlogically, it included an excellent review of Jim Schnabel's book "Dark White" (on the subject of abduction research) by Hilary Evans, and the first part of Peter Brookesmith's investigation into the "Grudge 13" affair. Personally, I think that Brookesmith is one of the best UFO writers around at the moment. This is another excellent piece, investigating the claims of William English and the story of the officially non-existent U.S. government Project Grudge Report Number 13. This report supposedly details human and cattle mutilations, UFO types and technical information, alien autopsies and even an interview with a captured alien! English himself claims to have been on a special mission during the Vietnam War, sent out to examine a crashed B-52 bomber that had been forced down into the jungles of Laos by a hostile UFO.

In the August/September issue, Brookesmith continues his investigation and effectively demolishes English's claims; Hilary Evans investigates four cases of psychic contact with Martians in the 1890s; and Bob Rickard and Mike Dash investigate satanic abuse scares and US court cases involving implanted false memories. As always, the letters page is a joy to read. Buy it now and see how insane the world really is. Fortean Times is available from newsagents, and it costs £2.00 per issue.

Video: "UFOs - The Evidence".

A 90 minute video featuring such luminaries as Erich von Daniken, Johannes von Buttlar, Bob Lazar and Tony Dodd. It uncritically presents many of the classic

flying saucer tales, including the Roswell crash, the George Adamski affair, the Majestic 12 papers and the Kalahari crash which are all widely regarded as suspect. The Roswell crash may very well have been a secret military balloon which was used to detect Soviet nuclear weapons tests, which accidentally fell to Earth on the farm near Roswell in 1947. Not wishing the true nature of the device to be uncovered, the military were quite happy to let the saucer stories run and run.

This video accepts all of the saucer stories over the last few decades, and rejects little. On the one hand, it tells us that the aliens are tall, blond, Aryan Nordics who want to help us; then it tells us that the aliens are small Greys who are abducting people and working with the U.S. military. Perhaps both types exist, but we have not seen much of the Nordics over the last few years - perhaps the Greys have finally exterminated them. The video also links crop circles with the nearby stone circles (such as Stonehenge) and with the Nasca lines. This is good fun to watch on a wet Sunday afternoon, but contains little of any real value.

Reviews by D.N. unless otherwise stated.

Letters



Letters: A Reply from Denmark.

You may recall that in the last issue of Strange Days Roy Andersen presented two articles on the work of Zecharia Sitchin, entitled "Was Darwin only half correct?" and "Sumerian Cosmology". To provide a measure of balance, I made seven short notes of my own at the end of his articles. It is to these seven notes that Mr Andersen now responds in this letter. Mr Andersen's articles were well received by the readers, and I would like to invite him to submit further articles to Strange Days.

Dear Editor.,

I would like to reply to the 7 comments you made in response to my articles in your April edition.

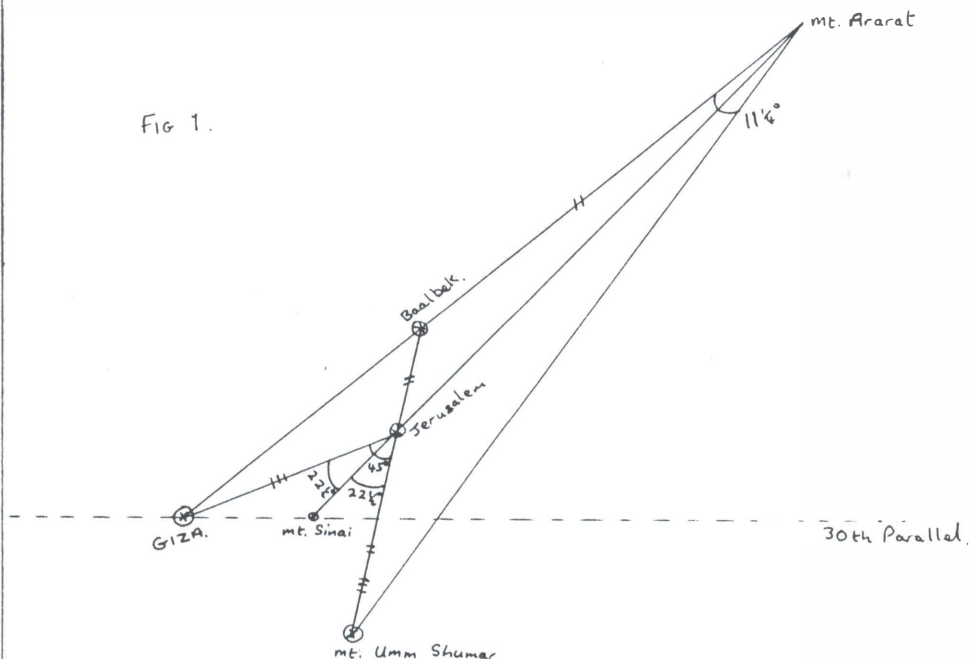
1) "Numerical trickery" as you say can be used to explain factors which are not truly accurate. But by following your example that 195,955,200,000,000 is the age of the Earth, in years, multiplied by 49,000, this would suggest that if the larger of these numbers were to be divided by the smaller, we should arrive at the age of our planet, which of course by nearest estimates, is 4.6 billion years. But the figure I reach upon your instructions is 3.99 billion, which is nearer to the age upon which we have established evidence of the first life cells. What trickery is this?

It is interesting that you choose to mention dimensions with regard to the Great Pyramid. Sitchin proves quite clearly, and with rigorous energy in his "The Stairway to Heaven", that the ancient texts clearly state that King Khufu, or his better known Greek name Cheops, did not build the Great Pyramid, but that it was constructed by the gods, before the Egyptian civilization, and that setting aside the Giza pyramids and the Sphinx, supposedly constructed by Kings Khufu, Chefra and Menka-ra, all the other pyramids of Egypt were built by pharaohs from Zoser onwards in emulation to the Great Pyramid of Giza.

Sitchin also proves that the purpose of this particular pyramid was as

a landing marker for space craft approaching their base in the Sinai Peninsula. The following diagram of the flight path as used by the Anunnaki after the flood, does prove that the colossal monuments such as those at the mountain retreat at Heliopolis/Baalbek, where foundations consist of 3,000 ton single blocks that had been transported over swamp and mountain ridges, to be placed side by side with joins that you could not slide a knife through, to the mathematical precision of the Great Pyramid, all had a very specific and practical purpose.

Fig 1.



Thus to prove the significance of numbers, consider the following: The distance from Baalbek to Mount Ararat is the same as the distance from Baalbek to the mountain Umm Shumar in the Sinai Peninsula. And that the distance from Jerusalem to Giza equals that from Jerusalem to Mt. Umm Shumar. We also find that the direction indicated by the Sphinx points exactly along the 30th Parallel. Where the 30th Parallel meets the line continuing from Mount Ararat through Jerusalem, we find a very prominent marker, called Mount Sinai. On the plains below this mountain, the Anunnaki had there space port. All this proves that some of the ancient worlds biggest structures: The Great Pyramid, Heliopolis and the City of Jerusalem were built in direct accordance that would allow distinct natural features to create a very specific "landing" grid. All the angles presented are very accurate - its a little bit more than wishful thinking!

But numbers are important, and as Dr. Hilprecht (University of Pennsylvania) concluded after studying thousands of mathematical tablets from the temple libraries of Nippur, Sippar and Nineveh, the discovered number 12,960,000, had great significance within the Sumerian sexagesimal system of counting, which used a base of 60. Two numerical facts associated to this number 12,960,000, are factual and have no need to rely upon tricks. The number of years it takes the Sun to complete a precession of the 12 Zodiac houses is 25,920 years. This number multiplied by 500 equals 12,960,000. The significance to this is explained in "The 12th Planet".

Equally if you divide down from 12,960,000 you discover that its 216,000th part reaches the figure 60. The basis of all Sumerian mathematics, from which we gained the minutes in an hour and the degrees in a circle.

2) Your assessment that Uranus and Neptune are similar in size is well attested to in the 5,000 year old depiction as kindly shown by you on page 9 of your previous issue. The planets were related to the gods by definition, and Neptune was described by the Sumerians as EA, which means "House of Water". Please remember that this was invisible to us until we acquired the technology to see it in the first place 5,000 years after the Sumerians described it. Equally Uranus, or ANU - was described as MASH.SIG meaning bright green, and as we discovered 5,000 years after this statement, Uranus is our only green planet! Both Neptune and Uranus contain smudges on their surface whose coloration can change from dark blue to greenish yellow depending upon the angle at which sunlight strikes them.

3) The publication of the Chatelain Genesis in 1876, testified that the Genesis section of our Bible was actually based on numerous translated versions of the Babylonian bible - "The Enuma Elish". The national or principle god to the Babylonians was Marduk, and as was the custom he was assigned a planet as a depiction. Thus the 10th planet, the Sumerians called Nibiru, was to the Babylonians - Marduk. The beginning of the Enuma Elish explains how Marduk (the planet) broke the planet Tiamat creating the Heavens (Asteroid Belt) and Earth - the remaining part of Tiamat which was knocked into a new orbit. Thus when the English publishers finally got their hands on the creation story, they misinterpreted the planet Marduk with the god Marduk to begin the opening of the Bible.

"In the beginning God created the Heaven and the Earth."

This is incorrect. It would be correct however to say:

"In the beginning the planet named after God, created the Heaven and the Earth."

Which of course is not the same thing!

4) The reason for evolutionary change is the error sequence that occurs in D.N.A. every few thousand sexual reproductions. Mostly these are inferior and fail to keep up with the established species, but occasionally a stronger, or more adaptable off-spring is produced that begins a new branch. This is the basis of evolution of all plant and animal life and explains the slow evolution from the first primate to Neanderthal in 50 Million years. It does not explain how a primitive man at the time of Neanderthal can evolve as dramatically as it did to a level of conducting its own genetic science in 30,000 years, and this does not take into consideration that apart from a handful of people, mankind was wiped out by the flood some 13,000 years ago!

A much more intriguing point is that anthropologists now consider that Cro-Magnon Man (our fore runner) was not related to Neanderthal Man, and thus appeared out of nowhere.

"The driving mechanisms behind evolution" are very clearly understood, and one of the greatest scientist who helped us to understand this was Francis Crick. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in recognition to his achievements. Crick's only conclusion was that life spores could not have evolved on Earth so quickly after its formation, and he published a paper clearly stating that such spores were directed to this planet by an intelligent extra-terrestrial life force.

5) The video "ARE WE ALONE", demonstrates with NASA pictures that water is present throughout our solar system. Naturally, conditions change as is evident with the ice age on Mars at present, but Venus has very definite and indisputable geographical reliefs that could only have been caused by huge quantities of water.

6) Myles had better check his figures again, because a great many qualified experts agree with Sitchin. The 10th planet is not part of our Solar System, but enters it when it reaches the perigee of its own orbit once every 3,600 years. Therefore the debate as to whether it affects Uranus and Neptune to day is not important, but it certainly did effect the orbits of all our planets 4 billion years ago.

7) The importance of the Baghdad Battery is not to the level to which it was found to operate, but that the basic principles had been understood by humans. The Anunnaki were very careful not to allow mankind to obtain mechanics to which he did not have the level of knowledge to safely administer. A fact echoed by our own irresponsibility today.

However, on page 75 of "The Stairway to Heaven", Sitchin presents a model of a highly sophisticated flywheel returned from Egyptian excavations in 1936. During the mid 70's, engineers of the Lockheed Missile and Space Co. came up with a design very similar to this, but were unable to perfect it!

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I will now, as in the last issue, reply to some of these points.

The whole subject of "pyramidology" (or "pyramidiocy" as it has sometimes been called!) has suffered many cases of people reading meaning and mathematical truth into the dimensions of the pyramids. Some of these may indeed have been built into the pyramid (e.g. the area of the base of the pyramid divided by twice the height gives the important ratio called π), but let's not get carried away. Numerical trickery can prove anything. For example, Barnard, using the dimensions of the Temple of Artemis at Ephesos, obtained the moon's diameter, the lunar month and the date of the building, to prove that very point. I am quite sure that by multiplying the length of my nose (not an insignificant figure) by a suitable number I can obtain a quantity of cosmic importance. The question you should ask about my 3.99 billion year answer is: "Where did he get the 49,000 from?"

I especially picked that number to obtain the age of the Earth, which I took to be approximately 4 billion years. I could have worked out a bigger number, which would have given the age of the universe (approx. 15 billion years).

The fact that I can use a calculator proves nothing about the Sumerian number

195,955,200,000,000. And the same applies to Maurice Chatelain - what is the significance of the 240 that he puts into the equation?

Be very careful when you use the word "proof". Outside of the fields of mathematics and logic, nothing is absolutely certain. I see no proof that some of the world's oldest structures were built to a landing grid for spaceships! And you were quite clearly wrong when you said in your previous article (Strange Days No 2 p8) that the Sumerians gained their knowledge from a race from a planet that "we now know to exist". No planet in our Solar System has been detected outside of the orbit of Pluto, and if Myles Standish is correct then there is no point in looking for one, either. On what evidence do you base your conjecture that this mysterious 10th planet affected "the orbits of all our planets 4 billion years ago"? Surely the geological record shows that the Earth - Moon system has been in a stable solar orbit for many hundreds of millions of years? The very existence of life on this planet testifies to the stability of the orbit. When minor impacts and/or vulcanism can cause major extinctions, the intrusion of a stray planet every 3,600 years would be absolutely catastrophic.

The planets Uranus and Neptune are giant, gaseous planets and both are at least four times larger than the Earth. The "surface" features are cloud formations in the upper atmospheres of these planets. Both planets have reducing atmospheres of hydrogen and helium with methane clouds. Uranus has an almost uniform temperature of -353° F. This is not conducive to any form of life as we know it, including vegetation. Any water on Uranus and Neptune is likely to be locked up in a mantle with methane and ammonia above the planets' cores, buried beneath a crust of hydrogen and helium and then the thick atmosphere. The absorption of red and infra-red light by atmospheric hydrogen and methane is responsible for the blue-green colouration of these outer planets, not water. There are some surface features on Mars that look as though they were made in the distant past by running water, and it is becoming increasingly likely that once upon a time liquid water did exist freely on the planet. Not now; the planet is too cold and the atmosphere too thin for water to exist as anything other than a layer of perma-frost near the poles. Venus, too, may once have had oceans of water. But that was before the greenhouse effect ran out of control (Venus' atmosphere is 97% carbon dioxide) and raised the surface temperature to a uniform $1,850^{\circ}$ F. Any remaining water now exists in the atmosphere as water vapour, adding to the greenhouse effect. The intense heat and clouds of sulphuric acid droplets lead to intense weathering, and the surface of Venus is relatively flat.

I maintain that the driving mechanism behind evolution is not fully understood yet, which is why it is still being investigated by scientists. What we do understand is the structure of D.N.A. (for which we can thank James Watson and Francis Crick, who shared the Nobel prize for their work on D.N.A. in 1962) and how the genetic message can get altered by chemical, viral or radiation damage. Sometimes this damage results in a beneficial mutation, but usually it results in killing

the owner of the gene by leaving it less well adapted to its environment. Sex also complicates the issue: some mutations must not only make the organism perform better in the environment, but also make the organism more attractive to the opposite sex. The way that genes behave in a population is an intensely complicated business. Some mutations can rapidly sweep through a population, seemingly at odds with what is perceived to be a slow, random process.

Evolution does happen spasmodically - just look at the "Cambrian explosion", in which virtually all of the modern groups of animals appeared in a (geologically miniscule) period of time of only a few million years.

Francis Crick may well believe that life spores were seeded on Earth by an alien civilization. That is indeed a possibility. But here is a question for you: Where did those aliens evolve from? Was their planet seeded by another life form, 4 billion years before they did it to us? Or did THEY evolve naturally? Either life CAN evolve naturally from non-living material, or God is required to create life sometime after the creation of the universe. Take your pick.



- Ed.

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